

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



September 2, 1997

COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 97/98-14

TO: ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY FOSTER CARE EDUCATION PROJECT COORDINATORS
THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES
THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOUNDATION
THE FOSTER CARE EDUCATION COORDINATORS OF THE CALIFORNIA
COMMUNITY COLLEGES
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY CARE
LICENSING COUNTY LIAISONS
CALIFORNIA STATE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION
COUNTY AB 2129 PROJECT COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT ALLOCATION
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997/98

This County Fiscal Letter is to provide you with the allocation for the continuation of the Foster Care Initiative with the passage of the 1997 Budget Act. This initiative was implemented pursuant to Assembly Bill 2129 (Chapter 1089, Statutes of 1993) and Senate Bill 426 (Chapter 892, Statutes of 1993) regarding relative foster care legal consent authority and placement.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 1997/98, \$1,540,000 in the State General Fund (SGF) is budgeted for Foster Parent Training and Recruitment. That amount, less \$78,350 which has been contracted for the California State Foster Parent Conference (being held in October 1997), will be allocated to all 58 counties. Unfortunately, County Fiscal Letter No. 96/97-67, which provided you with this planning allocation, did not reflect the Foster Parent Conference contract costs being taken out of the total amount allocated. We regret any inconvenience this may cause in your spending plan. The FY 1997/98 allocation for each individual county is attached.

Training funds were allocated based on the average monthly number of children placed in out-of-home care, excluding group homes, foster family agencies, and probation. Recruitment funds were allocated based on average monthly number of children in out-of-home placements, excluding probation. Average monthly figures were based on the caseload period of May 1996 through April 1997 as reported on the Foster Care Information System. The funds were adjusted to ensure a \$2,000 SGF minimum allocation per county. Additionally, there is no county match required for either training or recruitment activities and both are eligible for matching federal Title IV-E funds.

Fiscal Claiming Instructions

In order to claim program funds, all counties must submit a Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Plan for FY 1997/98. As previously notified by the Foster Care Branch, the deadline for submission of a county plan is September 12, 1997. County plans must be developed in collaboration with their Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Advisory Committees that are comprised of foster parents and community college and county staff. These funds shall only be used to enhance or expand existing programs, or for the development of new programs, and cannot be used to supplant existing programs. The Foster Parent Training and Recruitment Plans must be submitted to:


California Department of Social Services
Foster Care Recruitment and Training Unit
Attn: Debra Williams
744 P Street, M.S. 19-68
Sacramento, California 95814

The costs for Foster Parent Training and Recruitment are funded with state and federal funds where costs are Title IV-E eligible. The State share of costs for these expenditures are charged against the county's allocation. Costs reported on the County Administrative Expense Claim are charged to the allocation as follows:

Program Code	Subprogram Code	Program Identifier Code	Description
504			AB 2129 Foster Parent Training
	5040		AB 2129 Foster Parent Training
505			AB 2129 Foster Parent Training - NF
	5050		AB 2129 Foster Parent Training - NF
506			AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment
	5060		AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment
		506055	Contracted Administration
507			AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment - NF
	5070		AB 2129 Foster Parent Recruitment - NF
508			State Use Only - Foster Parent - 504-507
	5080		State Use Only - Foster Parent - 504-507 (Used by CDSS to shift costs claimed in excess of the combined allocation from State to County share.)

If you have any questions regarding the county plan or the use of these funds, please contact Debra Williams of the Foster Care Branch, Recruitment and Training Unit at (916) 327-6925. Questions on claiming or allocations/controls may be directed as follows:

PROGRAM:	Foster Care Services and Audits Bureau	(916) 445-7001
ALLOCATIONS:	County Cost Analysis Bureau	(916) 657-3806
CLAIMING:	Fiscal Policy Bureau	(916) 657-3440



DOUGLAS D. PARK, Chief
Financial Planning Branch

Attachments

**FOSTER PARENT TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT
1997/98 ALLOCATION**

<u>COUNTIES</u>	<u>1997/98 ALLOCATION *</u>
Alameda	\$58,586
Alpine	\$2,000
Amador	\$2,000
Butte	\$12,874
Calaveras	\$2,000
Colusa	\$2,000
Contra Costa	\$31,838
Del Norte	\$2,000
El Dorado	\$4,150
Fresno	\$39,961
Glenn	\$2,000
Humboldt	\$4,665
Imperial	\$3,633
Inyo	\$2,000
Kern	\$27,999
Kings	\$3,093
Lake	\$2,101
Lassen	\$2,000
Los Angeles	\$689,227
Madera	\$2,389
Marin	\$2,091
Mariposa	\$2,000
Mendocino	\$3,921
Merced	\$5,010
Modoc	\$2,000
Mono	\$2,000
Monterey	\$5,952
Napa	\$2,845
Nevada	\$2,000
Orange	\$47,150
Placer	\$5,240
Plumas	\$2,000
Riverside	\$59,113
Sacramento	\$50,427
San Benito	\$2,000
San Bernardino	\$67,140
San Diego	\$86,437
San Francisco	\$50,520
San Joaquin	\$23,834
San Luis Obispo	\$5,489
San Mateo	\$7,976
Santa Barbara	\$5,695
Santa Clara	\$38,434
Santa Cruz	\$5,958
Shasta	\$5,734
Sierra	\$2,000
Siskiyou	\$2,864
Solano	\$7,740
Sonoma	\$6,505
Stanislaus	\$9,800
Sutter	\$2,890
Tehama	\$3,078
Trinity	\$2,000
Tulare	\$17,864
Tuolumne	\$2,000
Ventura	\$8,832
Yolo	\$4,628
Yuba	\$3,967
Total	\$1,461,650

* A total of \$78,350 was pulled out for California State Foster Parent Conference contract